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SUBJ: POSSIBLE INVITATION TO KENYAN NAVAL OFFICER TO ATTEND
U. S. NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE

REF: STATE 49254

1. COMMANDER OF KENYAN NAVY, LIEUTENANT COLONEL KIMARO, IS ONLY KENYAN NAVAL OFFICER WHO COULD QUALIFY FOR ASSIGNMENT TO NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE INsofar AS PRESENT RANK IS CONCERNED. SINCE KIMARO ONLY RECENTLY ASSUMED COMMAND OF KENYAN NAVY FROM BRITISH OFFICER, GOK MIGHT BE UNWILLING TO RELEASE HIM IN NEAR FUTURE FOR LENGTHY PERIOD OF TRAINING ABROAD. EMBASSY, NEVERTHELESS, RECOMMENDS THAT OFFER OF THIS TRAINING BE MADE ON ASSUMPTION THAT OFFER -- WHETHER ACCEPTED OR NOT -- WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF U. S. INTERESTS IN KENYA AS DEFINED IN RECENT U. S. POLICY PAPERS. IN PARTICULAR, OFFER SHOULD FOSTER GOOD WILL AMONG KENYAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO GOK WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO PERMIT OCCASIONAL VISITS BY U. S. NAVY SHIPS TO MOMBASA.

2. WHILE SOME ADVERSE BRITISH REACTION CANNOT BE RULED
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OUT, EMBASSY COULD MINIMIZE THIS POSSIBILITY BY EXPLAINING
TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION THAT OUR TRAICING OFFER IN
NO WAY SIGNIFIES A CHANGE IN OUR SECURITY POLICY WITH
RESPECT TO KENYA, WHICH REMAINS VERY LOW KEY (E. G., NO
DEFENSE ATTACHE, NO ARMS SUPPLIER ROLE).
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